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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The young men in Mrs. Burbank's Sunday school class have organized a "Young Men's Universalist Association," and elected the following officers: President, Harry N. Young; 1st Vice Pres., Chester F. Howe; 2nd Vice Pres., Roger Sloan; Sec., Vivian P. Hutchins; Treas., J. H. Little. Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. The December meeting will be the annual meeting. The Sunday school is preparing a Christmas concert, and will have a "Tree" and supper, Saturday evening, the 23rd. Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday, "The Power of Thought." The topic of the evening will be "Getting and Giving, the Need of Both."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Christmas style and supper given by the Ladies' Club last Thursday was very successful. The tables of fancy and useful articles, aprons of various kinds, candy table and parcel post all came in for their share of patronage. The ten served in the parlor proved cheering and refreshing. The supper committee have received many compliments for their part in making the affair a success. The Ladies' Club wish to thank the ladies who served so efficiently at the various tables at the fair, and would be most happy to welcome such capable workers to their ranks. The members of the Sunday School and parents, who were so delightfully entertained at Mrs. Gehring's home last Saturday afternoon extend a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Gehring and Mrs. Mills. The subject of the sermon next Sunday will be, "God With Us." Miss Ida Packard will lead the Christmas Endeavor service at seven in the evening. The Sunday school attendance last Sunday was the largest for the year.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ira Jordan. Plans for the observance of Christmas are going forward. There will be the usual sermon and special music at the forenoon service on December 24th, but the evening service will be omitted in the interest of the Community Christmas program. The supper for the Sunday school children will come on Monday evening followed by a concert by the children and young people of the church and the church Christmas tree. A large attendance gathered last Sunday evening to hear Mr. N. R. Springer give his impressions of "Bible" Sunday whom he recently saw and heard in the Boston Tabernacle meetings now going on. In Mr. Springer's view the evangelist is one of the greatest figures in our national religious life concerning whose sincerity and usefulness there can be no doubt. As to the secret of his power, it was not attributed to his organization, his corps of trained helpers, the splendid musical ability of the great choir and its leader, nor even to his own originality and earnestness in bringing his message. All these things help, and help tremendously, but there is a common feeling that only a rich measure of blessing from God himself can fully explain the man Sunday and the work he is doing. In speaking of Mr. Sunday with people upon the street or in places of business, Mr. Springer found severe critics only among those who had not heard the great evangelist. The sermon on "Mother" was read in part as an example of Mr. Sunday's style, and also for lessons it carried. Many from other churches were present, Rev. W. C. Curtis having part in the service. All greatly appreciated the address of the evening.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1917 at ten o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

HILLERY C. PARK, Cashier.
December 1st, 1916. 12-7-5t.

Don't forget, our store is just full of useful Christmas gifts. D. M. STEARNS.

BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. W. W. Hastings was a dinner guest at the Inn on Sunday.

Mr. Frank L. Harlow, representative of the Northwestern Ins. Co., has been in town.

The Wednesday afternoon tea will continue to be held from 4 p. m. to 5 p. m. These teas are given for the guests of the Inn and their friends.

The Blanchard family left for their home in New Jersey on Monday. They called at the Inn, Sunday, to say "Good Bye" to their numerous friends who will miss them very much.

Mr. Robert L. Dempster was again at the Inn rehearsing for the community play to be given soon. There seems to be much interest taken in these plays which promise to be a great success.

Mrs. L. H. Cilley was in Boston on business last week, returning Friday night just in time for the dance. Her return was unexpected and gave her many friends a pleasant surprise as all had expressed regret at her absence.

Judge Herrick joined Mr. Fred Tibbets and Mr. L. H. Cilley at a game of pool one evening last week. The Judge won, out although he had not played before for twenty years. The Judge hopes that Mr. Tibbets and Mr. Cilley will practice up so he can enjoy a real game with them later.

An informal dance was held at the Inn, Friday evening, and was well attended. The Blanchard family motored in from their camp. They are all fine dancers and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Mrs. O. L. Mills was also present, as well as many Bethel people, and all spent a very pleasant evening. Popcorn and apples were served.

Mr. Robert Winsor, Mrs. Winsor and Miss Winsor were week end guests at the Inn. They entertained Mrs. Eames and Miss Eames at dinner Sunday, after which they enjoyed an auto ride. Mr. Winsor and daughter left Sunday afternoon, and Mrs. Winsor stayed until Monday afternoon. Mrs. Winsor hopes to return later in the season for a longer stay.

THE COMPLETED JOURNEY.

In loving sympathy with those who were nearest and dearest to Mrs. Georgia Little.

We miss the dear face at the window
That was wont to greet us of yore,
And one sweet voiced welcome is lacking
As we enter the open door,
But memories of her come thronging,
And, almost, she is with us here,
Just a veil seems to hide the loved features
And the eyes that saw always so clear.
All the work and the good deeds that
Even her mind planned so well;
And the hands so helpful and tender—
Can it be they have waved farewell?

Ah! at eve when the day's work is finished
And the twilight comes quiet and grey,
They will hasten to light up the home nest
Because it was ever her way
To keep the glad home fires burning
With a welcome for every one;
To her there were never shadows
For always she looked toward the sun.
Her life was so full of love's brightness
That all whom she knew felt its glow,
So our hearts grew heavy with sadness
When God called her to onward go.

Yet to her it was only a journey
That should end near the Great White Throne
Where she waits in God's beautiful country
To welcome her loved ones home.
Midst the hills of old New Hampshire
Her basket is laid for aye,
But the soul on pinions of swiftness
To Heaven has hastened away.
And though often our feet may falter
While our hearts beat heavy with pain
In Heaven, where it's always "June time"
We shall find and greet her again.

Addie Kendall Mason.
Bethel, December, 1916.

PULLETS FOR SALE.

Barred Plymouth Rock Pullets from a good strain. Inquire of A. B. RICHARDSON, Bethel, Maine. 12-14-16.

ROUND TABLE CLUB

Celebrates 175th Meeting with Banquet

A most pleasant social event, was the observance of the 175th meeting of the Round Table Club at the home of one of the members, Miss Muriel S. Park, Thursday evening last. Organized eight years ago under the direction of Mrs. O. M. Mason who ever since has continued her interest in it and directed its work, it has devoted itself to study, social service and general culture to the great benefit and advantage of all its members. The Club has always maintained a small membership, never more than ten and two of these honorary, now with but seven. During its life it has had many enjoyable social times, but none better than this last meeting which was made "gentlemen's night" and to which each of the six young lady members present invited a gentleman guest. The meeting opened with the usual for malties and some routine business was transacted. Immediately after its adjournment after a short session the club song was sung by the members.

Then all went to the dining room for the banquet for which much preparation had been made. The room was prettily decorated with potted plants, club colors and banners bearing the inscription "R. T. C." The long dining-table was laid for twelve and made a very attractive appearance. Over the center and suspended from the electric light was a dainty banner, the work of Miss Marion Frost, inscribed "175th Meeting of the 'R. T. C.'" This banner was in red and white, the club colors. On the table was a large bouquet of red and white roses as a centerpiece and from this there ran twelve strips of red ribbon to each plate and attached to the end of each ribbon was a place-card of dainty design in water colors, the work of Miss Naomi Smith and Ernestine Philbrook. On each card was some scene or thing which suggested the name of the one who was to occupy the place. Much jollity was occasioned by the finding of the different places. The menu was varied and included almost everything that one could desire to tempt the taste.

After about an hour devoted to a good time and doing justice to the many good things placed before them the announcement was made that attention would be given to the after-dinner program. Miss Muriel S. Park served as toast-master in a very graceful manner and introduced the different speakers with appropriate remarks including several laughable allusions and interspersed with some pleasing rhymes. Miss Ernestine Philbrook spoke upon the "Club's History." Miss Marion Frost, "The educative value of the Club's work." Miss Naomi Smith upon the "Social side of the Club's activities." Miss Dorothy Hutchins, "The Service side of the Club" and Miss Hazel Keniston on "The Club's Ideals." Only one of the gentlemen guests was called upon. Mr. Herbert Bean, who spoke in behalf of the young men and in well chosen words thanked the members of the club for their hospitality. All the young ladies were pleasing, bright and easy in their responses, and much merriment was occasioned by the exercises throughout. Following this, games were played, including charades, and finally all the twelve joined in the singing of several popular songs including the Gould's Academy song and other school favorites. The guests present were: Herbert Bean, Wm. Hall, Vivian Hutchins, Earl Watson, Winfield Howe and Lester Brooks. One member of the club, Miss Alice Gunther, was unable to be present.

MR. ERNEST SWICKER.

Mr. Ernest Swicker, aged 29 years, died at his home on West Bethel Flat last Saturday, December 9, after a long illness.

Mr. Swicker was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield Swicker, and came to Bethel from Nova Scotia several years ago together with his parents. He is survived by father and mother, five sisters and a wife.

The funeral was held at the home on Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. C. Curtis speaking words of comfort; interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

POST OFFICE PATRONS.

To facilitate the handling of the Christmas mail the Bethel Post Office will keep open until 8 o'clock p. m. on the evenings of Dec. 20 to 23 inclusive.

G. L. THURSTON, Postmaster.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Ruth Cole spent the week end with her friend, Esther Tyler.

The Christmas issue of the Academy Herald will be ready for circulation this week.

Miss Elizabeth Leslie, Miss Maude Howard, Miss Nellie Whitman and Mr. Elmer Small will spend the Christmas vacation at their respective homes.

The Y. W. C. A. girls greatly appreciate the kindly interest and patronage of the townspeople at their Japanese sale. A goodly sum was realized towards the Makonkey fund.

The Parliamentary Law class has chosen a committee of three consisting of Hazel Keniston, Naomi Smith and Harry Young, to arrange for a debate to be given in the near future.

In a fast but clean game Gould's Academy defeated Norway High 23 to 10 in the gymnasium, Friday night. The boys played well and the school spirit shown by the student body was such as has not been seen in the recent history of Gould's.

At the Missionary meeting of the Y. W. C. A., last week a part of the time was spent in dressing dolls which are to be sent to a colored school at Beaufort, South Carolina. The missionary committee have collected from the girls jars of home made jelly which the association has voted to send to the Salvation Army in Leviston for distribution.

SCHOOL NOTES.

All schools are in session again.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 20.

Miss Clara L. Jackson of Milton has been appointed to teach the Walker's Mills school for the winter term.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association will be held at 8:00 p. m., Dec. 13 at the brick schoolhouse.

All teachers of the district are expected to be present at the brick schoolhouse, Friday, Dec. 22, and see a demonstration of the Clark method of writing, given by the author. A teachers' meeting will be held immediately after.

Jackets have been placed around the stoves at Northwest Bethel, the Flat, Walker's Mills and the Milton schools. In Greenwood the stoves at Locke's Mills, Howe Hill, Greenwood City, Tubbs and Bryant schools have been jacketed.

In accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Allan, State Agent for Rural Schools, the seats and desks of all rooms in the brick building have been rearranged so that those on the east side of the building face toward Mr. Philbrook's and those of the West side toward High street. New blackboards will be put up as soon as they arrive.

"WHERE ARE MY CHILDREN?"

There is not the slightest doubt but that "Where Are My Children?", the dating photo play which will be shown at Odell Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 15, has made the biggest kind of a hit in New York, Chicago and Boston, and in fact in every city where it has been seen. It has created a positive sensation. Night after night and day after day the lobby of the theatre is crowded, and the sidewalk congested by persons desirous of seeing this great film. And the crowd that is formed after each first performance, as the spectators are leaving by one set of doors while others are entering by a different set, is most impressive.

"Where Are My Children?" in other ways than measured simply by attendance. It has caused much thought and discussion of subjects hitherto tabooed, except in private, and according to many interested in the subject of birth control much good is bound to come of free and open discussion. The fact that a number of essays have of late been prominent in the papers and courts, has militated in favor of the picture, both physically and morally.

The excellent netting, too, has done much to make the picture a success. The fame of Tyronne L'Amour needs no trumpeting, and this sterling story has entered heart and soul into the character of the district attorney, so fond of children but with none of his own.

GRANGE NEWS

CANTON GRANGE.

Officers of Canton Grange, No. 110, P. of H., were elected Saturday as follows:

Master—Fred Tripp.
Overseer—Arthur Tucker.
Lecturer—Mrs. Helen Mitchell.
Steward—R. E. Adkins.
Asst. Steward—Donald Adams.
Chaplain—Mrs. Helen Eastman.
Treasurer—A. F. Russell.
Secretary—Mrs. Ella Wright.
Gate Keeper—Rodney McCollister.
Ceres—Mrs. Margery Weld.
Pomona—Mrs. Irene Tucker.
Flora—Mrs. F. E. Adkins.
L. A. Steward—Miss Ruth Johnson.
Executive Com.—John Briggs, D. A. Bishop and C. W. Walker.
The Grange voted to send C. W. Walker and Mrs. Weld to the State Grange at Bangor as delegates from Canton Grange.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 186, West Bethel, met in regular session Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, with fifty-nine members and one visitor present, for the purpose of electing the officers for the year of 1917.

Master—L. A. Sumner.
Overseer—J. P. Mather.
Lecturer—Mrs. Emma Mills.
Steward—Asa Howard.
Asst. Steward—Lloyd Luxton.
Chaplain—Mrs. Betsey Morrill.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. M. Farwell.
Secretary—Harry Head.
Gate Keeper—Elmer Stearns.
Ceres—Bertha Sumner.
Pomona—Mrs. Alice Browne.
Flora—Mrs. Ruth Grover.
L. A. Steward—Irene Morrill.
It was voted to send the Master, L. A. Sumner, and his wife to Bangor to the State Grange. Grange closed in form.

LONE MT. GRANGE.

Lone Mt. Grange, No. 131, met Dec. 9 at an all day meeting with the usual baked beans, coffee and pastry dinner. Usual routine of business in the forenoon. Voted to have a Christmas tree, Saturday, Dec. 23, at regular grange day meeting. The necessary committees were appointed and it was voted to have baked beans, coffee, pastry as usual with fruit for dinner. Sister Anna Thomas and Bros. Frank Akers reported on the sick list. In the afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master—J. B. Littlehale.
Overseer—O. A. Burgess.
Steward—J. L. Elliot.
Asst. Steward—Elizabeth Baker.
L. A. Steward—Florence Akers.
Lecturer—Mrs. W. N. Akers.
Chaplain—J. H. Abbott.
Treasurer—W. W. Perkins.
Secretary—Evelyn Stevens.
Gate Keeper—L. R. Hall.
Flora—Minnie Akers.
Pomona—Mrs. O. A. Burgess.
Ceres—Mrs. J. B. Littlehale.

MOUNTAIN VIEW GRANGE.

Mountain View Grange, No. 437, held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, and the following officers were elected:

Master—A. R. Bryant.
Overseer—John Richardson.
Lecturer—Mrs. John Richardson.
Steward—Carl Richardson.
Asst. Steward—Ernest B. Curtis.
Chaplain—Mrs. Colin Wight.
Treasurer—Fred Wight.
Secretary—Mac Cyril.
Gate Keeper—A. D. Wight.
Ceres—Mac Fraser.
Pomona—Eva Deoster.
Flora—Mary Fagan.
L. A. Steward—Edna Wight.
Organist—Florence Bryant.

NORWAY GRANGE.

An all day meeting was held by Norway Grange, Dec. 8, at which occurred the annual election of officers. The meeting was called to order at 11 a. m., and several matters of business were disposed of. A picnic dinner was enjoyed and work resumed at 1:30 p. m. Officers so far chosen are:

Master—George W. Richardson.
Lecturer—Mrs. A. E. K. Grover.
Steward—Arthur Back.
Asst. Steward—U. S. G. Abbott.
Chaplain—Mrs. L. A. Morrill.
Gate Keeper—Frank Gammon.

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TAXES.

All taxes should be paid before Dec. 15, to have the cost of advertising.

F. B. HALL,
Town and Corporation Collector,
Bethel, Maine.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

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Telephones—Shop, 10—12; Res., 29—7.

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Laces, Polishes, Whittling, Etc.

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Maine Street, Bethel, Maine.

Opposite N. F. Brown's.

FOR SALE.

Pair black horses weighing 1130 each, one 12, the other 14 years old, the horses I worked on my piddler cart for 3 years. Also my piddler cart and sled, both in good running order.

W. A. BRAGG,

10-12-16, Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.

A few Barred Rock Cockerels at \$1.50 each. Pullets of the same hatch were laying at the age of 5 months.

F. B. MERRILL,

WANTED.

100,000 feet White Ash in log. For particulars call at Tubbs' Snow-shoe Factory or telephone 34-12.

W. F. TUBBS,

11-23-16, Norway, Maine.

FOR SALE.

The barn on the Milton Grover place on Grover Hill. Can be taken down and moved. Well timbered and much good lumber can be taken from it. Apply to

HERRICK & PARK.

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK.

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank to Alice McVerda Bass and numbered 1600, has been destroyed or lost, and that it is desired to have a new book of deposit issued.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK,

By A. E. Herrick, Treasurer.

Bethel, Maine, Dec. 6th, 1916.

12-14-5t-p.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I have purchased the Laundry Business of Mr. Ralph Young and will take possession Dec. 18th. I have secured the services of Mr. W. C. Gray and will endeavor to do your laundry work in a satisfactory manner.

DELLISON CONROY.

WANTED.

If you are a girl with a fair education and are neat, industrious and ambitious we can give you a place at once as clerk in our subscription department. It is clean, interesting work. A year-round position and a substantial advance in salary are assured if you prove satisfactory. We can, if you wish, give you a chance to learn typing, stenography, ad-writing, letter writing and work at which extra good pay can be earned by those who succeed. A promising future is open to ambitious girls in our publishing business. Willingness to work and to study are the chief requisites for getting to the top. If you are willing to start small and if you are ambitious to work up slowly to something good write, telling all about yourself to

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Bethel, Maine

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Dr. I. H. Wight was in Portland, Monday.

Miss E. J. Tyler was in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Blanche Lane of Norway is visiting Mrs. J. S. Burbank.

Mr. Ernest Walker returned home from Detroit, Mich., Saturday.

The Men's Club will meet at Bethel Inn, Wednesday evening, Dec. 13.

Mr. Roscoe Andrews has closed his garage and gone to Boston for the winter.

Mrs. Annie M. Rounds of West Milan was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ceylon Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox and Marion Benn were the guests of relatives at South Paris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin, who have been spending a few days in Boston, returned home, Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Kimball of East Bethel was the week end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Norman Sanborn and family.

Mrs. B. F. Fickett is visiting friends in Auburn and later on will go to Massachusetts, where she will spend the winter.

Mr. Bernard Carver returned to his home in Westbrook, Monday, after spending the week with his brother, Mr. I. L. Carver.

Miss Anna Pingree of Albany is caring for Miss Phoebe Buxton, who fell and injured her hip at the home of Miss Lillian Blake.

Miss Angie Chapman was hostess at a shower given in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Ruby Smith to Mr. Ralph Williamson of Gorham, N. H., last Friday afternoon. The guests were invited into the dining room where a collation was served after which all departed wishing her a pleasant winter.

Miss Elsie Davis was in Lewiston, Saturday.

Miss Mary B. Merrill was in Portland one day last week.

Mrs. Wallace Clark was a recent visitor of friends at Rumford.

The Croquet Club met with Mrs. Arthur Douglass, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Young went to Boston, Sunday, to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Springer, who were in Boston last week, have returned home.

Mrs. H. T. Sawin and son, Glendon, were week end guests of relatives at Norway.

Mr. Kenneth Wight of Milan, N. H., was the week end guest of Dr. I. H. Wight and family.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. John Philbrook, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. A. F. Copeland went to Hyde Park, Mass., Friday, where he will visit his brother and family.

At the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge next Thursday evening special refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Gotthard Carlson of Dorchester, Mass., arrived Monday to spend a few weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell.

The officers of the Relief Corps enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Jordan last Saturday afternoon, when a farewell party was given to Miss Alice Willis prior to her leaving for Portland where she will spend the winter. At four-thirty the guests were invited into the dining room where a collation was served after which all departed wishing her a pleasant winter.

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Every Nook and Corner of our small store is just full of useful gifts for Christmas. Here are only a few of the many articles:

Pocket Books and Bags.
Books for the Children, 5c to 50c.
Books for the Boys and Girls, 25c.
Fiction, 49c.
Dainty White Aprons, 25c and 50c.
Neckwear in profusion.
Dresden Ribbons for Fancy Work.
Stationery, 10c, 15c and 25c.
Dolls from 5c to 50c.
Toys too numerous to mention.
Handkerchiefs, from 3c to 50c.

WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE.

L. M. STEARNS

MAIN STREET

BETHEL, MAINE

WEST GREENWOOD.

Summer Bean of Albany was in town last week.

Mr. Gillis of Portland, who spent a few days in town, returned home, Saturday.

Miss Mae Cross was a recent visitor at the home of her mother on Howe Hill.

W. A. Holt recently purchased the piano belonging to E. R. Ray.

Among the recent visitors in town were Harry King, Ralph Young, Lincoln Cummings, Mrs. W. C. Cross and Mrs. Wiggins of Howe Hill, Ransom Cole and son, Dan, and grandchildren of Greenwood Center.

Mrs. Stanton Cole and son, Millard, were Sunday visitors on Howe Hill.

Attractive neckwear at L. M. STEARNS.

Adv.

PAINFUL COUGHS RELIEVED

Dr. King's New Discovery is a soothing, healing remedy for coughs and colds that has stood the test of nearly fifty years. For that cough that strains the throat and saps the vitality try Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsam and mild laxative ingredients soon drive the cold from the system. Have a bottle on hand for winter colds, croup, grippe and bronchial affections. At your Druggist, 50c. Adv.

Say you saw it in the Citizen.

COTTAGE STUDIO NOTES

WATCH THIS COLUMN.

Norway, Nov. 1

Of course you want some portrait work for Christmas—Why not save money by having it done now. All photo-materials cost us more, making an advance in our prices necessary the first of December.

A new size we will make for only \$1.00 per dozen this month.

In making plans for Christmas, have you thought that your friends can buy anything that you can give them—except your photograph.

You do not have to trust a valued picture to an agent when you want a crayon or water color portrait.

We can serve you perfectly in any kind of Copy from old pictures—or new.

Have you looked over your films and thought how they might solve a gift problem?

We make fine enlargements from such negatives about \$1.00 in size that cost you less than a dollar.

Practical

A practical gift is one that brings pleasure for many years. You many selections.

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A Man Like

This store offers distinct advantages. It offers distinct advantages to the very men you are striving to please.

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Beautiful Neckties

Silk-Lined Gloves

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Kid Mittens

Suspenders

In Individual Boxes

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Initial Handkerchiefs

Silk Armlets and Garters in

Fancy Boxes

Cuff Buttons

Scarf Pins

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IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.Only 12 Shopping
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A STORE RICH WITH GIFT HINTS.

Whether you intend buying or

not, I want every reader of this who can possibly call, to do so and see the display. Some entirely new lines, many of the latest ideas the city markets are offering, and exceptional values in other goods are here to help make the largest December business this store has ever done. Large as past years have been, I am determined this year to eclipse all records on volume of sales, and if good values, fair prices, fresh, clean, up-to-date stock and right treatment will produce the result, I feel sure of record breaking business.

Space forbids mention of all suitable gifts but below are a few suggestions.

WATCHES.

Ladies', gentlemen's, boys' and girls' watches. A pleasing gift.
Nickel watches, \$ 1.25 up
Silver watches, 6.00 up
Gold filled watches, 10.00 up

CHAINS.

Gentlemen's vest chains, 60c to \$6.00.
Ladies' lorgnette chains.
Neck chains.
Eye glass chains, 60c to \$2.50.
Boys' watch chains, 10c to \$1.00.

BRACELETS.

The secret joint and ever popular carmen adjustable bracelets are popular gifts, \$1.00 to \$10.00.

TRIMMINGS.

Gold band and silver trimmings are useful gifts. Light, medium and heavy weights, 25c to \$1.35.

RINGS.

Diamonds, pearls, opals and other stones in many styles of ladies' rings. For a lady or Miss a ring is nearly always attractive and pleasing. Every ring solid gold and fully guaranteed, \$1.50 to \$100.00.

Babies' and children's rings, many patterns. Solid gold, 75c to \$2.00.
Gentlemen's and boys' rings in carbuncles, cameos, signets, etc., \$2.00 to \$8.00.

LOCKETS.

Are selling as fast as ever. I know the quality of my lockets, and am sure they will please, 75c to \$5.00.

FOBS.

Silk and all metal fobs, many patterns, 50c to \$5.00.

FOUNTAIN PENS.

For anyone who writes a fountain pen is a convenience, to many a necessity. Over 100 pens to select from. Waterman's Ideal, Parker's Lucky Curve, and other makes. Every pen warranted and exchanged if not satisfactory, \$2.50 to \$6.00.

MAINE GEMS.

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CHINA.

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A large variety of dolls of all kinds, china, kid, cloth, etc., dressed and undressed. Dolls to please any little girl, 1c to \$2.50.

GAMES.

Chessindia, Toy Town, Dominoes, Tiddly Winks, Elinch, Old Maid, Authors, Jackstraws, etc., 5c to 50c.

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Tissue paper, twine, Xmas Ribbon, fancy cord, etc. Everything to do up the bundles attractively.

LEATHER GOODS.

Pocket books, wallets, card cases, purses, bags, novel covers, twine bags, etc., 10c to \$3.50.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

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Silk, Linen and Cotton	Lisle Hose	Suits
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Cuff Buttons	Mackinaw Coats	Corduroy and Cloth, Sheep-lined Coats
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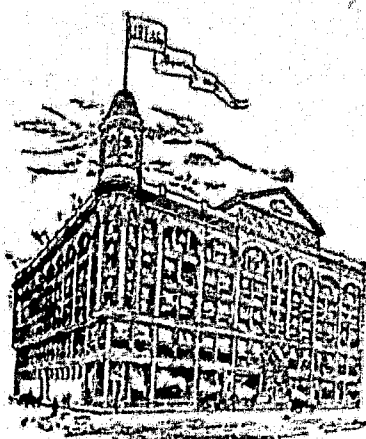
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Let us serve you this Christmas.

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CANTON

The funeral of Mrs. Dorcas Russell Bartlett was held at her home in Hartford at 11 o'clock, Tuesday. Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel, a former pastor of the Canton Universalist church officiated. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Miss Cora M. Benson of Brookton, Mass., Fred Russell of Lynn, Mass., Charles Davis of Rochester, N. H., and Perry Oldham of Ridgelyville. The remains were laid at rest in the family lot at Hartford Center, beside her loved ones gone before.

Asia F. Hayford has returned from his hunting trip at South Rangeley with two good deer.

Miss Cora Benson returned to her home in Brookton, Mass., Monday.

Wm. K. DeCoster, a life long resident of Canton, passed his seventy-first birthday, Friday, Dec. 8, and received seventy-one post cards with greetings and congratulations from his many friends. He was also the recipient of several gifts, among them being a beautiful bouquet of carnations from Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S., of which he is an honored member.

The school in the Union District closed Friday with Miss Leahy Why-nought teacher. Exercises were held by the school, Wednesday night with a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus in costume.

Mrs. L. D. Small and Mrs. E. E. Westgate are among the sick ones.

Mrs. Marion A. Smith entertained Rev. Eleanor Forbes over Sunday.

M. A. Waite, S. B. Ellis of Canton, Fredland Abbott of Auburn and O. S. Waite and Leon Taylor of No. Jay left Saturday for the Four Ponds on a hunting trip.

Mrs. Chas. W. Thompson of Auburn is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Leora Berry.

Miss Ruth Richardson of Boston University will spend the holidays at her home in town.

Miss Lida Abbott has gone to Rumford for a visit.

Mrs. Mattie Grover of Waltham, Mass., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson and family.

Arthur Sampson met with an accident at the novelty mill at Hartford Center, Wednesday by cutting the third finger of his left hand nearly off. He went to the hospital at Lewiston.

Leon M. Berry is recovering nicely from his illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Alice Frazier has returned to her home in Providence, R. I.

George Grover, who has been spending the summer at Lenox, Mass., is at home for two weeks before going to St. Augustine, Fla., for the winter.

Two candidates were initiated at the meeting of Panamah Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening, with a fine supper served. Chorus singing was enjoyed at the close.

Mrs. C. L. Worsten of the Point is ill and a consultation of doctors was held last week.

The Ocean Park Study Club met with Mrs. Edith Roberts last week. The next meeting will be with Miss M. E. Coburn.

Andrew York came home from his hunting trip with a fine deer.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held with Mrs. Lillian Dresser.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Forhan left Saturday for No. Billerica, Mass., to visit their son, Dr. Neil K. Forhan and wife, who have welcomed a young daughter to their household.

Miss Abbie C. Bicknell is visiting relatives in Lewiston.

Mrs. L. C. Steaton of Hartford is ill. Miss Mary Richardson will return home this week from Wells, where she has been teaching a successful school.

Fred Ellis of Waltham, Mass., has been making a visit with relatives in Canton, where he formerly resided.

Alvin Robinson of Sumner passed away, Wednesday.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENTS FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

The following instructions to all the agents for the protection of children under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Charities and Corrections is the result of recent deliberations and the formulation of the ideas and views of the members of the board and have just been sent to the aforesaid agents by Secretary J. F. Bagley:

1. Complaints to courts and trial justices under the provisions of Chapter 326, Public Laws of 1915, should state not only the names and ages of the children, but the date and place of birth as well, if ascertainable. If not, then the age as nearly as it can be determined.

2. Expenses for meals when agents are working in their home town should not be included in their expense accounts.

3. Complaints should be made to the court or trial justices having jurisdiction nearest to the residence of the child, residence in this sense meaning the place where the child is living at the time that the complaint is made.

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HOUSE COATS—Make a nice present, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS—All kinds for men and boys. Cotton, linen, silk, 5c to 50c. Initial handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c. Men's and children's handkerchiefs in pretty boxes.

COMBINATION SETS—Nice silk tie and stockings, Brace and garters, 50c and \$1.00.

JEWELRY—CUFF BUTTONS—STICK PINS

COMBINATION SETS—Scarf pin and cuff links—Scarf pin and tie clip—Tie clip and cuff links—In a nice gift box.

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4. In the opinion of the Board it is inconsistent with the duties of their position for agents to regularly engage in the business of boarding children.

5. The Board does not approve of agents advancing money in payment of the expenses of the support and education of children committed to their temporary custody by the court; they should require itemized bills from the persons furnishing the services or supplies, to be approved by the agent, and forwarded to the proper town officials for payment.

6. Hereafter, except in so far as is necessary to bring up to date any reports of previous work not complete at this time, and in emergencies where the authority of the Board therefore has been obtained prior to the employment, bills for clerk hire, stenographer's services, etc., by agents will not be approved by the Board.

7. Paragraph 6 of the instruction circular dated April 25, 1916, is amended to read as follows: Detailed particulars of all work done by agents for the protection of children are not required to be included in the report. Report will be made upon each open case each month. Such report should summarize as briefly as is consistent with an understanding of the case the work which has been done on that case during the month, the conditions surrounding the children, etc. When the complaint is first received, the nature of the complaint should be definitely stated. Thereafter, it will not be necessary to attempt to write out except in the briefest possible way what people say about the case. Names and addresses, including street addresses in cities, of all persons having any knowledge of the case should be given in the report.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1916.

EFFECT OF GOOD ROADS.

Selling Price of Tillable Farm Land Increases More than Total Cost of Improvements.

To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of bad roads, specialists of the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the U. S. Department of Agriculture made economic surveys in eight counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.

This study of the increase in the value of farm lands in the eight counties reveals the rather interesting fact that following the improvement of the main market roads the increase in the selling price of tillable farm lands served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements. The increase in values in those instances which were recorded ranged from 33 per cent to 80 per cent in Spotsylvania County, Va.; from 75 to 104 in Dinwiddie County, Va.; 70 to 85 in Lee County, Va.; 25 to 100 in Wise County, Va.; 9 to 115 in Franklin County, N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas County, Ala.; 26 to 50 in Lauderdale County, Miss.; and from 59 to 100 in Manatee County, Fla. The estimates of increase were based for the most part upon the territory within a distance of 1 mile on each side of the roads improved.

In Spotsylvania County a careful record was made in 1910 of 35 farms located on the road selected for improvement. Of the 7 farms sold in 1912 the prices actually paid show increases of from 37 to 116 per cent over the 1910 valuation. The average value under the roads were improved was \$28.25 per acre, as compared with \$17.31 previous to the improvement. In 1913 four transfers of farm land were on the basis of \$30.11 per acre, whereas the properties were listed in 1910 at only \$13.89 per acre. It appears that the 1,451 acres sold in 1914 increased in value, \$25,500, or 80 per cent or from \$24.40 to \$44.10 per acre. In Dinwiddie County, Va., the actual price of 43 farms sold or offered for sale from 1909 to 1914 ranged in price from \$9.22 to \$43.74 per acre before the roads were built, and from \$24.70 to \$73.90 per acre after the roads were improved.

In Lee County, Va., a study of eight tracts along the roads before and after improvement indicated that these properties increased about \$23 per acre, or about 70 per cent.

In Wise County, Va., a study of eight representative farms located on roads showed that they increased in value from an average of \$19.09 per acre before improvement to \$79.44 after the roads were improved. There were increases in value in other sections of from \$60 to \$29 or even \$100 per acre.

In Franklin County, N. Y., the figures seem to indicate that the change from earth, sandy, and loam roads to bituminous macadam was followed by increases averaging \$12.50 per acre, or about 50 per cent.

In Dallas County, Ala., careful investigation seemed to indicate that road improvement has added at least \$3 to each acre of land within a half mile of improved roads. Tracts sold at from \$8 to \$10 per acre were sold again after road improvement at from \$23 to \$25 per acre.

In Lauderdale County, Miss., the total assessed valuation of real property outside of the city was \$2,707,518. This increased in 1914 after road improvement to \$3,183,509, or 17.1 per cent. Local real estate men place the increase in land values as a result of improved roads at from 25 to 50 per cent.

In Manatee County, Fla., careful study of sales and real estate records indicated that the improvement of roads has added from 15 to 160 per

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a scientific preparation. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 25c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

AGITATION FOR NEW POSTAL RATES.

The ways are now being prepared for the launching of the movement for the readjustment of postal rates in the next session of Congress. This problem was to have been taken up in the last session but had to be deferred on account of the consideration required by railway mail pay. Since this has been disposed of the committee are prepared to take up the matter of placing the various postal rates on a more equitable basis.

A zone system of rates for second class matter is being prominently urged to take the place of the present flat rate which was adopted nearly forty years ago. The present rate has for some time been regarded as a discrimination against the newspapers in favor of the great national magazines. Like the parcel post the proposed zone rates would be based on the length of the haul.

The postal committee have been besieged by petitions bearing millions of names and several hundred thousand letters from individuals urging a readjustment of postal rates with a view of making possible one cent letter postage. A survey of the situation indicates that sufficient changes will be made in the various rates to permit the granting of a 1 cent rate on local delivery letters in the next session of Congress.

Chairman Moon of the House Postal Committee, today said: "I think that the Committee will take up this second-class mail matter at the next session and press it to a conclusion at once. While I cannot speak for the Committee, this is my desire in the matter. I do not know what kind of a bill we will pass, whether it will have a zone feature attached to it or not. This view has been presented frequently in years past, and sometimes received favor and sometimes not. As to what shape the legislation will be in I am not able to say, but I am sure the Committee will give it the best possible shape in the public interest."

Commenting on the proposed changes in the rates on letters Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, formerly chairman of the House Postal Committee and now a member of a similar Committee in the Senate, said: "The Government is making a large profit from first class mail, just how much, it is hard to say, but it must be nearly one cent of every two paid for each stamp placed on a letter. And the profit derived on letters for delivery in the same city or town in which they are mailed must be even greater. In view of this condition, I believe that Congress should take up the matter of more equitably adjusting the rates of postage."

Congressman Ernest W. Roberts, of Massachusetts, takes the stand that "any encouragement that can be extended business by the Government, without injury to the individual, should be done with as little delay as possible. Congress could greatly improve the situation by reducing the rate of postage from two cents to 1 cent on local delivery letters, without any drain on the public exchequer."

"Every patron of the postal service will appreciate a one cent rate on drop letters because of the great benefit to be derived by individuals, business establishments, banks, churches, fraternal clubs, and in fact, all forms of business, social and domestic life," said Representative Joseph Walsh of Massachusetts. "And further the reduction will mean no falling off in the revenues, as it is generally regarded that the volume of mail will practically be doubled immediately upon the installation of the new rate."

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All in all, the VARIETY is immense and everyone knows Christmas shopping can only be done satisfactorily when there is variety.

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POULTRY SHIPPERS' LAW.

All persons who ship live poultry should become acquainted with the Federal law regulating the size and type of coop for shipping fowls, and the number of birds allowed to a crate.

Familiarity with the law will at least save shippers from violating it through ignorance of its requirements. The law requires that all coops have solid bottoms and slatted or spindled tops and sides. When slats are used they should, under the law, be not more than an inch and a half wide. The use of boxes for shipping poultry is forbidden.

Coops for turkeys should be not less than 20 inches high; for geese, old roosters and fowls, not less than 16 inches high; and for ducks, small fowls and spring chickens, not less than 12 inches high. Standard coops measure two feet wide by three feet long.

The following is suggested as the proper number to be placed in each standard coop:

Turkey: Gobblers, 5; hens, 6. Geese: Large, 10; medium, 8; small, 10. Ducks: Large, 10; medium, 14; small, 18. Roosters and fowls: 7 to 10 lbs., 8; 5 to 7 lbs., 10; 4 to 5 lbs., 14; 3 to 4 lbs., 18; 2 to 3 lbs., 18; 1 to 2 lbs., 20.

Squab pigeons should not be shipped under six weeks old. The law makes the shipper liable to fine and imprisonment for the abuse of poultry by shipping in low, overcrowded or poorly ventilated coops, and authorizes taking charge of any animals being carried in a cruel manner.

Necessary expenses which may be incurred by taking charge and keeping such shipments shall, according to the law, be a lien thereon, to be paid before the birds can be lawfully received.

Carrying companies and their agents also make themselves amenable to the law in receiving and transporting poultry that is not properly packed. Compliance with these regulations will be a benefit to the shippers, as the poultry will arrive at the market in better condition.

Every poultry shipper will do well to spend a few hours in the poultry section of the produce markets of the nearest large city. By studying the variety of packages there he will learn which is best.

THE GREATEST WEATHER PROFIT.

Rev. Eli H. Hicks, of St. Louis, the greatest and most successful of weather forecasters, died on Oct. 12, 1916, after a short illness. Before he took sick he had entirely completed his work on the great Hicks Almanac for 1917 and had read the proofs of all his weather forecasts for a year in advance. This noted Almanac is now ready and is a fine specimen of Almanac making.

Prof. Hicks' portrait was painted by a leading artist of St. Louis in May, and this portrait printed in colors, makes the frontispiece of the 1917 Almanac. The 1917 Almanac is 35 cents by mail. Prof. Hicks' monthly Magazine, "Word and Works," will also be continued by the publishers. Word and Works one year with the Hicks Almanac is one dollar. Send 5 cents for a sample copy of Word and Works. Address WORD AND WORKS PUBLISHING COMPANY, 3401 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

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GRANGE NEWS.

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Ceres—"Mrs. George W. Richardson, Flom—"Harriet Buck. L. A. Steward—"Mrs. U. S. G. Abbott. Treasurer—"Charles Gammon. Secretary—"Mrs. Annie Goodwin. *Re-elected.

The Overseer and Pomona will be elected at the next meeting, Dec. 23.

Executive committee are: Benjamin Tucker, Charles Frost, F. P. Towne. A full list given later.

The Master, G. W. Richardson, and wife are delegates to attend the State Grange at Bangor.

Mrs. Charles Frost reported as gaining.

Program for Dec. 23:

Singing, Grange Reading from Declaration of Purpose, Edith Knightly

Song, Grange Paper, "Something the Grange has done to assist Agricultural Development," Willard Buck

Christmas Song, Grange Chorus Address, "What the Grange stands for today," Worthy Master Richardson

Closing Song, Grange

UPTON GRANGE.

The annual election of officers of Upton Grange was held, Dec. 1, and the following were elected for the ensuing year:

Master—"Guy L. Pratt. Overseer—"Hollis L. Abbott. Lecturer—"George Pratt. Steward—"David Emman. Asst. Steward—"Albert Warren. Chaplain—"Mabel Warren. Treasurer—"Cora C. Abbott. Secretary—"Bertha L. Judkins. Gate Keeper—"Ben M. Bartlett. Ceres—"Daisie B. Warren. Pomona—"Rena Lane. Flora—"Annie Coolidge. L. A. Steward—"Ethel Warren.

WEST PARIS GRANGE.

West Paris Grange held an all day meeting, Saturday. The forenoon was devoted to a program given in observance of the 50th anniversary of the National Grange. A basket luncheon was eaten at noon. In the afternoon the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Master—"L. E. Tuell. Overseer—"Clayton Churchill. Lecturer—"Mrs. A. B. Tuell. Steward—"Lorenzo Littlehale. Asst. Steward—"Alanson Cummings. Chaplain—"Rev. D. A. Ball. Gate Keeper—"Harold Porter. Ceres—"Mrs. Clayton Churchill. Pomona—"Mrs. Cora Stearns. Flora—"Mrs. Alice Littlehale. Secretary—"Iona Littlehale. Treasurer—"Harriet Ellingwood. L. A. Steward—"Madeline Peabody. Chorister—"Doris Field.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange met Saturday evening, Dec. 9, at 8:15 P. M., with all officers present. This meeting being the date for the annual election of officers of the Grange, the Worthy Master appointed E. W. Stearns and P. O. Brinck as tellers to sort and count the votes. The following officers were elected:

Master—"L. E. Wight. Overseer—"Leroy Stearns. Lecturer—"Florence Kilgore. Steward—"Earl Davis. Asst. Steward—"P. O. Brinck. Chaplain—"L. A. Roberts. Treasurer—"C. E. Davis. Secretary—"C. E. Saunders. Gate Keeper—"Elmer Bean. Ceres—"Mabel Bailey. Pomona—"Susan Wight. Flora—"Lillian Bean. L. A. Steward—"Ella Brinck.

Voted to have an all day meeting with dinner, each member having a right to invite one friend of the Grange, beside their own families. Voted to leave the installation dinner in charge of the three Graces, Susan Wight, Adeline Saunders and Sarah Stearns. Voted to have a committee of three assist the Lecturer on entertainment for installation. The following committee was appointed: Julia Bishop, Florence Kilgore and Cora Davis. Under the literary program, first came the reading of the Grange paper by Una Roberts, which was very interesting; Reading of Declaration of Purpose of the Grange by Julia Bishop. Lillian Bean was appointed as editor for the next paper. There were 44 members and one visitor present.

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Miss Marguerite Hall has left for St. Augustine, Florida, where she has a position for the winter.

A sewing club called the "Happy Nine" has been formed by the young girls of the Virginia District. The members are: Misses Dorothea Allen, Eunice Goodwin, Elizabeth Porter, Margaret Lovejoy, Marietta Lovejoy, Ruperia Clough, Helen Jordan, Jennie Welch and Marjorie Akers. The next meeting will be held with Miss Eunice Goodwin.

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The trouble was, and some got slight shocks from the ground, which seemed greatly charged with the electric current. An examination by electrical experts showed a short circuit from the big dynamo of the Magnesian Company, so that the ground around near the dynamo cover and the wire fence were heavily charged with electricity. Steps were taken immediately to remedy the trouble, and it is conceded that it was very fortunate that no human got near the fence where the horse was killed.

County Attorney Beliveau was called to Waterford last week to assist in the investigation of the murder charge against Albert B. Bean of Waterford whose daughter, Inez, died very suddenly on that day. The daughter was eighteen years of age and it is charged that her father caused death by an attempt at abortion. As County Attorney Beliveau's term of office expires on January 1st, he will turn his evidence over to the incoming County Attorney, Mr. Lucian Blanchard of this town, who will handle the case later.

The selectmen of Rumford have posted a notice for a hearing at their office in the Municipal Building, Dec. 16, on the petition of Waldo Pettengill and others, asking for the location of the following street extensions, namely: Cumberland street from Essex avenue to Lincoln avenue; York street from Essex avenue to Lincoln avenue; Essex avenue from Penobscot to York street; Penobscot street from Stephens High school building to Lincoln avenue; Lincoln avenue from the center of Hancock street to Penobscot street. The called for extensions are all according to the plans of the Rumford Falls Power Co., and nearly all have been graded sufficient for the passing of teams therein, and many lots have been sold for building purposes, some foundations put in this fall ready for building in the spring of 1917, and are in line with Rumford's future growth.

A wedding of interest to Rumford friends of Mrs. Helen T. Williamson, widow of A. S. Williamson, and for several years a resident here, where Mr. Williamson was in the drug business, took place recently at Auburn when Mr. Williamson was married to Edwin F. Stubbs of Dorchester, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs will live at Milton, Mass.

D. E. Hayes has built a small addition to his house on Knox street, and has installed therein a bath and wash room, with set tubs. The house has been leased for the winter months, but in the spring Mr. and Mrs. Hayes plan to again occupy their rent on the lower floor.

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Miss Mabel Rick and Mrs. Doris Jackson spent Saturday at Lewiston.

Rev. D. A. Ball was at Mechanic Falls, Tuesday.

Mrs. Agnes Pratt, has closed her house and will spend the winter in Portland.

Mrs. D. A. Ball spent the day in Lewiston, Monday.

Mrs. E. J. Mann and Mrs. H. R. Tuell went to Lewiston, Tuesday.

GILEAD

Fred Wheeler of Berlin, N. H., was a recent visitor in town.

Carl Losier has gone to work for G. B. Leighton.

Dr. R. R. Tibbitts of Bethel was in town, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Maker of Pike, N. H., have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Herbert Wheeler, for a few days.

Fred Cushman has finished work for G. B. Leighton.

N. E. Richardson and Albert Richardson of Bethel were in town last Friday.

Mrs. Mary Wright has returned to Norway after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Celia Wright.

Fred Jordan was in town one day last week.

John Richardson was in Bethel last Saturday on business.

Benjamin Davis and a party from Mechanic Falls, who have been spending several days here on a hunting trip, returned to their homes last Saturday with four deer.

Miss E. J. Buckley spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Buckley, in Berlin, N. H.

Mr. M. S. Folkins and son, Murray, have returned to their home in Portland after spending a few days here on a hunting trip. His 19 year old son, Murray, secured as trophies of his skill one deer and a large porcupine.

Elsworth Coye is ill at this writing.

Miss Inga Borgberg has finished work at O. B. Brown's and returned to Berlin, N. H.

The buildings on the Thomas Leighton farm now owned by Alton G. Maxlin and Geo. G. Fernald of South Paris were totally destroyed by fire.

The buildings were not occupied except occasionally for a short time by the owners or parties admitted by them and there was no one there at the time. Apparently the fire started in the barn, from what cause is not known. Neighbors at some distance summoned by a telephone call from others across the river who saw the buildings, reached the place in time to save two loads of furniture from the house.

Martin Losier has gone to Berlin, N. H., to work.

Edward Verrill and son and Mr. Holmes of Auburn and Mr. Richardson of Orr's Island are spending a few days in town.

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WEST BETHEL

School began Monday after a recess of two weeks taught by Miss Jennie Dean.

Hugh Thurston returned from his hunting trip Monday evening with one deer. He reported hard hunting in the woods.

W. Pratt and crew worked in Norway last week returning to his work here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Mills, who have been visiting with their children since September, returned to their home in Albany, Sunday, G. D. Morrill taking them in his auto. Mrs. Mills' birthday was Sunday, she being 84 years old.

W. A. Farwell is recovering from his recent illness. His many friends hope to see him on his milk route soon.

D. H. Hastings was in this place, Monday.

Don't forget, our store is just full of useful Christmas gifts. J. M. STEARNS.

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ANDOVER

C. F. Blanchard and son from Wilton were in town, Monday, buying cattle. Jesse Glover is working for Irving Akers, who is cutting pulp wood.

Stanley Bennett and father from So. Paris are at C. Pond this week, hunting. Mrs. Edward Akers, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved in health.

The King's Daughters met Thursday last with Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church held their annual sale of fancy work, aprons, candy, etc., Wednesday evening of last week in the town hall. The candy booth was prettily decorated and was in charge of Evelyn Smith and Alice Andrews.

Scarlet poinsettias combined with pine and fir made effective decorations for the fancy work tables which were in charge of Mrs. Ralph Thurston, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Mrs. I. E. Mills.

At one side of the hall was the mystery booth presided over by Mrs. Frank McAllister and Mrs. Arthur Lang. In the rear of the hall the apron tables were arranged; these were in charge of Mrs. Olive Lovejoy and Mrs. Rebecca Crossman.

Here were displayed all sorts of aprons and they found a ready sale. A salad and pastry supper was served from six to eight in the dining hall by Mrs. C. A. Andrews and her assistants, Mrs. P. A. Milton, Mrs. Arthur Lang, Mrs. Emma Adams, Mrs. Irving Akers and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. J. G. Pike of Cabot, Vt., was called to Andover by the death of her mother, Mrs. Harvey Newton, and is with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Newton, for the present.

Mrs. Roscoe Littlehale and son have been the guests of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Cole, at East Andover.

Mrs. John Howey sustained an injury to her right hand and fore finger, recently. She was helping clean a chimney when a number of bricks fell against her hand cutting it quite severely.

Mrs. O. A. Burgess is rapidly recovering from her illness.

Nathan Akers returned Saturday to his home in Rumford after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Edward Akers, who has been seriously ill.

Dr. Parody of Rumford Point was in town last week.

Frank Akers has been suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. George Thomas, who has been ill, is much improved. Her daughter, Mrs. Roger Thurston, is caring for her. Recent arrivals at Glenella are: Mrs. French and Mrs. Schofield from Boston.

Mr. Frederick Pullman is in Portland this week.

Mrs. Ralph Thurston has been elected a delegate to the State Grange which meets in Bangor, Dec. 15th.

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Inactivity Causes Constipation

Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause of constipation. You feel heavy, dull and listless, your complexion is sallow and pimply, and energy at low ebb. Clean up this condition at once with Dr. Klag's New Life Pills, a mild laxative that relieves the congested intestines without griping. A dose before retiring will assure you a full and easy movement in the morning. 25c at your Druggist.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in and for said County on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of Probate.

Attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

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AUGUSTUS G. LITTLEHALE. November 21st, 1916.

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STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS.

At a Probate Court held at Paris in and for said County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1916.

On the petition of Gertrude F. Bartlett, guardian of Lawrence E. Phyllis O. Hildred, Lois and Bessie Bartlett, minor children and heirs of Edwin R. Bartlett late of Bethel deceased; praying for license to sell at public or private sale certain real estate owned by said Gertrude F. Bartlett at the time of his decease which real estate is described as follows, viz:—

One-eighteenth part in common and undivided of certain land in Albany, Maine, being a part of lot No. 1, in range 3, bounded easterly and westerly by land of Eben S. Kilborn; northerly by land of Sherman Haseltine; southerly by land formerly of Ella I. Baker.

Also one-eighteenth part in common and undivided of certain land in Bethel, Maine, being a part of lot No. 24, in range 3, bounded northerly by land formerly of Edwin R. Bartlett; easterly by the Harris land, so-called, southerly and westerly by land of Eben S. Kilborn.

Also one-eighteenth part in common and undivided of certain land in Bethel, Maine, on the road leading from Bethel Village to Mayville, so-called, and bounded as follows, viz:—beginning at the southeasterly corner of land of Angella M. Clark on said road; thence southerly on said road to land of Etta M. Peterkin; thence westerly on line of said Peterkin land to the northwesterly corner thereof; thence southerly on line of land of said Peterkin and land occupied by Alvin Smith to the southwest corner of said Smith land; thence easterly on line of said Smith land to line of land of the Grand Trunk Railway Co.; thence westerly on line of said Company's land to Mill Brook, so-called; thence northerly on said brook to line of land of Fred E. Gordon et al; thence easterly on line of said Gordon land 36 rods to an Elm tree at the northwesterly corner of said Gordon land to land of said Clark; thence easterly on line of said Clark land to the point of beginning. Excepting and reserving all rights of way over said parcel.

It is ordered, that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in and for said County on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of Probate.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

(Continued from page 2.)

Mrs. Ogden Mills left for her home in New York, Monday.

Mr. I. L. Caryer was a business visitor in Portland, Monday.

Prof. W. S. Wight was the guest of friends in town, recently.

Mr. Albert Burke and Mr. A. W. Herrick were in Lovell, Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. T. B. Burke was the guest of Mrs. Emma Bartlett at West Bethel, Tuesday.

Misses Edith and Mabel Abbott of Swan's Hill were week end guests of Miss Elsie Davis.

Mr. Stuart Goodwin of So. Paris was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park one day last week.

Mrs. Mae Taylor of Shelburne, N. H., was a guest of the Misses Moore a few days last week.

Mrs. Cora Knight Clifford was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood during her stay in Bethel.

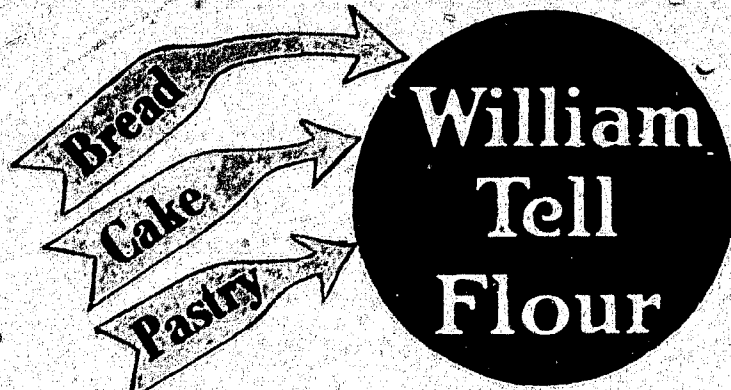
Miss Alice Willis closed her house, Monday, and went to Portland, where she will spend the winter.

Mr. Fred J. Tibbets, the undertaker, was in Portland last week and brought home a large car to be converted into a hearse.

Rev. Mr. Little has accepted the invitation of Thomas T. Rideout Post, 26, G. A. R., of Bowdoinham, to give the Memorial Day Address there, May 30th.

Mrs. Mary Capen has returned to her daughter's, Mrs. Ned Carter's, having spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, Alice, and remaining with her daughter, Minnie, a few days.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns of Bethel has been elected by the Saco school board as teacher of penmanship and drawing in the public schools to succeed Alvan B. Merrill, deceased. Miss Stearns will begin her duties at the opening of the next term, after the Christmas vacation. She is now teaching the Grammar school at South Eliot.



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GROVER HILL.

Erwin Hutchinson is assisting Mr. A. B. Grover for a few days.

Mrs. B. R. Whitman and daughter, Dorothy, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitman since Thanksgiving, returned to Boston, Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Pensley, who is cutting birch at North Albany for E. W. Rolfe, called on friends in this place, Sunday.

Mr. Harry A. Lyon and Mr. Richard Haggood are cutting birch for Mr. Lyon.

Two of Mr. A. J. Stearns' children were recent guests of their grand aunt, Miss Rachel Mayberry.

Mr. H. A. Lyon has a flock of geese. Fred Mundt is cutting birch in the crew for Ed. Rolfe.

Mr. Levi R. Brown from Bethel has employment with his brother, Mr. True Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Wheeler and son from Bethel village were calling on relatives here, Sunday.

Don't forget, our store is just full of useful Christmas gifts. L. M. STEARNS.

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BISBEE TOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Learned spent Sunday at Mr. A. R. Pennock's.

Belle Pennock is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Learned, for a few days.

Newell Andrews, niece and family, spent Sunday at his home.

Lincoln Holmes has bought a new horse.

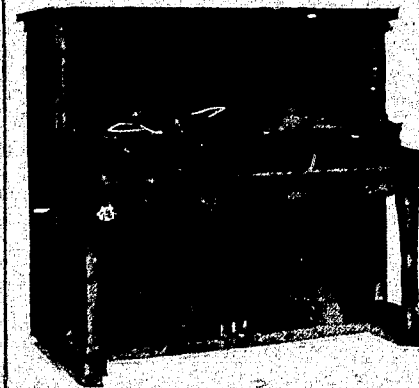
Fred Ray has bought a new horse. Guy Morse is cutting bolts and Newell Andrews is helping him.

Mrs. Sadie Pennock and daughter, Belle, called on Mrs. David Lebrooke last Saturday afternoon.

BUCKFIELD.

Miss Ellen Cole, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole, and Hersey Warren, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Warren, were married at the home of the bride, Monday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. C. G. Miller of South Paris. Miss Cole is a graduate of Buckfield High school and Farmington Normal school and has been a successful teacher in schools in this town and Sumner and Lebanon. Mr. Warren is a graduate of Buckfield High school and is associated with his father in the

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hardware business here. Mr. and Mrs. Warren went to Boston for a brief trip and will reside in the Clarence Atwood house on Water street which has been attractively fitted up for them. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers. Only a few of the near relatives were present.

Mrs. J. A. Irish fell and broke her shoulder Monday morning while going

from the house to the wood shed and was taken to the hospital in Lewiston for an X-ray examination in the afternoon.

F. M. Cooper had a leg amputated above the knee Monday by Dr. Webber of Lewiston assisted by Dr. H. M. Hendl.

Mrs. Gerrish of Lewiston is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Murch.

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BOUDOIR CAPS, dainty little gift in colored silk and lace, beauties, 25c, 50c, 75c.

CHRISTMAS FURS

Our assortment of muffs includes all the popular furs, Beaver, Raccoon, Fox, Lynx, Oppossum. Neck pieces to match many muffs, \$4.95 to \$16.45.

CHILDREN'S SETS, white or natural color, \$2.98, \$3.99, \$4.98.

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GOOSE GIRL DRESSES and of popular, high waist and plaited style Ottoman cloth, \$9.95, \$11.45, \$12.45.

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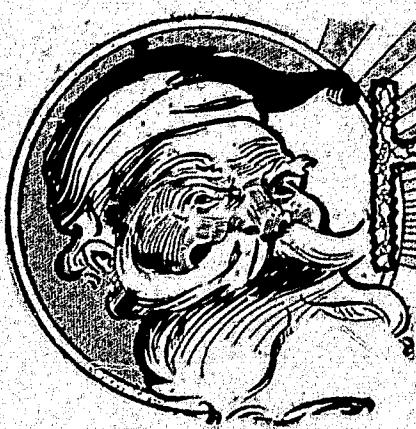
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SILK DRESSES of Messaline, Taffeta, Poplin and Charmeuse, dark colors, Blue, Brown, Purple, \$11.45 to \$18.75.

EVENING DRESSES of Taffeta, Satin, Chiffon, Metal Cloth and Net, dainty styles, no two alike, \$11.45, \$12.45, \$14.95.

SHIRT WAISTS make excellent gifts to send by mail.

WAISTS AT 98c of white stripe voile in a variety of styles and stripes. Heavy Madras all white, 98c.

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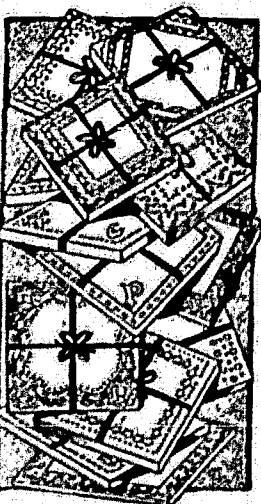
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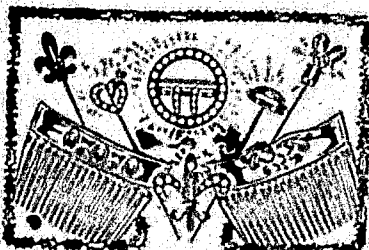
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All colors in Teques and Caps for Ladies', Girls and Children, 25c and 50c.

CAP AND SCARF SET, plain colors and colored, with white trimmings, 98c and \$1.49 set.

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LADIES' SWEATERS in dark colors, heavy and warm, good values at \$4.95 to \$7.45.

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Anyone will appreciate a good warm robe made from heavy Beacon blanket, dark and medium colors, made with cord, satin trimmed, \$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95.

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For gifts will be appreciated. Large double blankets in white, tan or gray, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98.

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WOOL BLANKETS, white or gray, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95, \$7.95.

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Something useful for women or children.

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at night. Encouraged by this spirit and by the passing of city ordinances against the use of glaring headlights in city limits, more than a score of anti-glare appliances have been put on the supply market within the last few months. They sell for almost any amount, from a few cents up to six or eight dollars. Notwithstanding the fact that many of these appliances are open

to objection, however, thousands of them have been sold, and if the buyer but knew it he might have used the adjustments on the lamps to bring about a more satisfactory and efficient solution of the difficulty without the expense. Three operations are necessary in order to obtain the greatest amount of effective illumination and keep most of

the glare out of the eyes of passing automobilists. They are: (1) Tilt the headlights slightly downward so that when the car is standing on the level the center of the beam strikes the roadway anywhere from 75 to 100 feet ahead. It has been suggested that car manufacturers can be of great help in the campaign for reducing glare by making this adjustment

when the car is assembled. (2) Frost or lacquer the lamp bulbs from the tip back to within about one-eighth of an inch of the base. (3) Carefully adjust the lamp to make the beam of light as narrow as possible. Carrying out these suggestions will result in a light of the greatest intensity concentrated on the roadway at the

point where the driver needs the most light. As the beam of light is projected downward the intense rays will not be high enough to annoy or blind the eyes of passing pedestrians or chauffeurs. No device yet invented can prevent the beam of light from rising when the car comes over the brow of a hill. Under such conditions each driver should realize the annoyance his lamps may cause and dim them.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.
President Wilson, in his message to Congress, on December 7 of last year, suggested the wisdom of "taking a new assessment" of the railroads and their relations to the public. As a result, the Newlands' Committee, made up from members of both houses of Congress, was created.

Mr. Alfred P. Thum, who made the opening statement to the Newlands' Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce at the beginning of its sessions, in prefacing an analysis of the conditions that are hampering railroad development, admitted on behalf of the railroads that the principle of public regulation is recognized as a permanent part of Government. He said that public regulation of railroads became a fact twenty-nine years ago and that the fight against the railroads since then has proceeded to a large degree along the lines of "a system of correction." In comparing the supervision of banks and railroads, he asserted that the Government's treatment of the banks was in the nature of a constructive program; that the supervision of railroads was "part of a destructive program."

For a dozen years "the Railroad Question" has been constantly before the American people. The difficulty has been that as soon as one phase of the problem began to be understood by the people that might be described as "our thoughtful citizenship," some violent twist of conditions has completely changed the entire situation, and "the railroad question" suddenly resolved itself into brand new shape. La Follette and Cummings fought the old regime that manipulated the railroads. They early realized that constructive legislation to properly deal with the great "railroad question" should be enacted by the federal government, and both of them became ardent advocates of regulation by the national government, acknowledging the failure of forty-six or forty-eight states attempting to govern interstate commerce.

Congress has now assumed control of the railroad question and promises to rectify the indeterminate legislation

fostered at the instance of politicians who have ridden into public office through the prejudices they created against public service corporations. There has been a merry havoc of a time in railroad affairs, running over the course of a number of years. Reorganization plans, receiverships and bankruptcy have menaced the country's great transportation interests.

Congressman Adamson, vice chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress, which is charged with investigating the entire railroad problem, has declared that the "railways must be protected." Mr. Adamson is author of the eight-hour law, and this piece of government policy may fall within the scope of the investigation. Senator Cummins, who is also on the committee, is expected of real results at last for the reforms he has so long advocated. The Wisconsin movement, in a member of the committee, Senator Newlands, one of the earliest advocates of Federal incorporation of railroad companies, is chairman. Other members are Senators Underwood, of Alabama; Robinson, of Arkansas; Brandegee, of Connecticut; and Representatives Sims, of Tennessee; Cullin, of Indiana; and Hamilton, of Michigan.

Stripped of "whence" and "re-solves" the entire situation brings itself down to the point where the Government is confronted with the railroads have suffered enough from hazardous legislation, and the opportunity that the railroads at this time are, as a rule, efficiently and honestly managed. At any rate, they represent such an enormous property value, and are so vital to the industrial and social existence of the country, as to demand that the responsibility to the public—regardless of capital invested in the properties, calls for a permanent "show down," and a business-like adjustment of the relations between the people's government and the railroad interests. "Government ownership" is one of the angles to the problem that will be taken up.

Government control, of the most far-reaching kind, is certain to follow as a result of the investigation. Rates, securities—and possibly even the question of wages, and the hours of a day's labor, are among the matters sought to be regulated. However, there is no disposition to interfere with the valuation and taxation of physical property within the recognized powers of the states.

The present temper of Administration leaders, and Congress, is to dis-

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countenance a continuance of the existing dual system of State and Federal railroad control and to remedy the evil by assuming full authority on behalf of the Federal Government.

As one of the results of the present inquiry it is probable that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be enlarged and its power extended to cover all carriers of interstate commerce. It is suggested that districts for the hearing of cases and the settling of disputes may be established, somewhat along the plan of the federal judicial system, where district judges try local causes of action. If this plan prevails, the right of appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission, as now established in the National Capital, will doubtless be provided for. It is also suggested that regional divisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission may be established, as has been done in the control of the banking system of the country.

Perhaps, after all, it is true that the United States is entering upon a new era in its industrial affairs. In any event, Congress and the Administration never undertook a bigger or more important task than that of "settling the railroad question," which it now seems to be attacking in earnest.

GOETHEALS AND HIS ORBIT.
General Goethals says: "As predicted at the time the great Calceola movements occurred, the slides will be over, come finally and for all time, notwithstanding the calamitous howlers and in spite of the disastrous predictions of the know-it-alls."

While General Goethals and his associates have proven themselves to be first-class mining engineers, they have been unable to withstand the constant criticism that has been heaped upon them. Perhaps the principal part of this criticism has been from concerns interested in the manner in which the dredging is done, who miss the plums that fall into their laps when steam shovels were in operation. It is charged that these interests attempted to close

the canal entirely, and to have a great section of the country drained, in order that the more expensive method of "wet-dredging" might be replaced by the spectacular, but very expensive method of the steam shovel.

The rivalry among contractors likely furnishes the reason for the "nigger in the wood pile."

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Rev. and Mrs. Curtiss dined with Mrs. Abbie Bean and Miss Annie Cross, Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Upton dined with Mrs. Angella Clark last Saturday.

The Camp Fire Girls will meet with Mrs. Byram, Friday, Dec. 16, at three o'clock. They will spend the afternoon in making picture books and dressing dolls for the children's hospital.

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ANALYSES AND ASSAYS OF ROCKS.

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The question is frequently asked of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, "What is the difference between an assay, an analysis, and an expert examination of a specimen of rock or mineral—such a specimen as may be sent to the Geological Survey by anyone who has found or thinks he has found a valuable mineral?" Most of the Survey's

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correspondents ask for assays of their specimens, others ask for analyses, and few appear to distinguish between the two. The Geological Survey can make neither an assay nor an analysis for private parties; it can, however, make a visual inspection of a specimen, or it can make a simple chemical test to determine whether the specimen contains a commercial amount of some valuable mineral, such as potash. Ninety-nine out of every hundred specimens submitted to the Survey are found to be commercially valueless. Such an inspection, or test, however, is widely different from an analysis. A complete analysis of a rock that is composed of many different minerals may require the more or less continual attention of a chemist for a month or six weeks, and such work is done by the Survey only in connection with its own scientific investigations. An assay, on the other hand, is usually a first test made to determine the exact metal content of an ore specimen. The Geological Survey makes no assays for private parties.

The Survey has recently reprinted its Bulletin 422, by W. F. Hillebrand, entitled, "The Analysis of Silicate and Carbonate Rocks." This is a revision of Bulletin 398, which was so highly valued in Germany that it was there translated and republished. It contains a detailed description of the analytical methods employed in the laboratory of the United States Geological Survey and represents the experience gained in the analysis of more than a thousand igneous rocks alone. These analyses have been carried to a degree of completeness previously unknown, by methods that have been carefully tested and proved, some of them devised in the Survey.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

There will be a supper, concert and Christmas tree at the Universalist church, Saturday evening, Dec. 23, and it is all free to the members of the Sunday school, their parents, and all others who attend service in this church. It is hoped all these will be present to rejoice with the children in this, the greatest festival of the year. All come and be happy together. The supper hour will be 6 P. M., followed by the concert, closing with the distribution of gifts which the messengers of Santa Claus have placed on the trees. The church will be open in the afternoon and a committee having charge of the tree will be present to receive any gifts that may be brought and see that they are placed on or about the tree. The use of the tree is open to the old as well as the young, that all may feel that they are a part of the Christmas celebration. Subject of next Sunday's sermon, "Christ enlightening the world."

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. D. B. Holt, District Superintendent, was present at the service on Tuesday evening, and gave a very helpful sermon on what it means to be a Christian.

Next Sunday the sermon will be on the Christmas theme, and the choir is preparing special music appropriate to the day. The picnic supper to the members of the Sunday school will be given on Monday evening at 6:15. The families interested are expected to bring material for the supper without soliciting. At 7:30 there will be the usual Christmas concert and tree.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A joyous Christmas sermon with appropriate and more joyous music next Sunday morning.

The usual picnic supper for the Sunday school and parish will be served in the dining room at 6:15, Saturday evening, followed by brief exercises and Christmas tree in the chapel. The evening service will be omitted on account of the Community Christmas tree and carols at 7 o'clock in the evening on the Common.

The annual Church Roll Call is scheduled for the first week in January. Notice of the day will be given later.

There will be a special collection for the Maine Missionary Society a week from next Sunday.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Musical in the public schools will be the chief topic for discussion at the Parent-Teacher meeting the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 20. It is hoped that all who are interested in this important subject will be present to give their opinion. One of the leading educational magazines says: "Music when properly taught, stands for as much mental development and general culture as any other subject in the curriculum and should receive the same credits toward graduation from the local schools, and as entrance requirements in the colleges and universities." What do you think? Come to the brick building this evening.

The flagpole at Northwest Bethel was taken down, a new rope put in and the pole set between cedar posts in a more desirable position. This did not cost the town a penny, the work being done by men of the neighborhood. It is said that a certain selectman from that section of the town was the leader.

Mr. Albert W. Clark has been engaged to demonstrate his system of writing at the brick building Friday, Dec. 22. The rural schools and the schools of Greenwood will be closed for the day in order that the teachers may be present. A teachers' meeting will follow.

Judging by the preparations that are being made it is evident that Santa Claus is expected to visit nearly all of the twenty-three schoolrooms of the district.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1917 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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